

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF  
**NATIVITY**  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
TUNKHANNOCK, PA



**ST. MARY**  
OF THE LAKE  
LAKE WINOLA, PA

**MAY 23-24, 2020**



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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday: 5:00PM**

**Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00AM**

**Pastoral Council: Diane Stone, Chair**

**Finance Council: Chris DeMarco, Chair**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday: 4:00PM**

**Sunday: 9:00AM**

**Pastoral Council: Bernie Garvey, Chair**

**Finance Council: Don Ames, Chair**

**Rev. Patrick L. Albert, Pastor**  
**Deacon Raymond A. Pieretti, Pastoral Associate**  
**Rev. Dennis Bajkowski (Ret.)**

**Parish Office: Fr. Nallin Hall, Tunkhannock**  
**Business Manager: Dick Schwoebel (570)677-7634**  
**Secretary: Mary Lou Chackan**  
**Office hours: 9:00AM – 2:00PM**

**WELCOME:** We warmly welcome all to join us in worship of our God. If you are new to our parish community, please be sure to tell Fr. Pat that you will be joining our parish community. Contact the parish office if you have any questions. Visitor envelopes are available at all entrances.

**MARRIAGE:** Christian marriage is a sacred and serious commitment. Couples contemplating marriage should notify a parish priest at least nine months before the date on which they intend to marry. This should be done before any other arrangements are made so that a couple may be suitably served by the parish and diocese. All couples are required to take part in a Pre-Cana program or Engaged Encounter Weekend. **Sunday Weddings are not permitted.**

**RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a community journey that leads to transformation of mind and spirit. Guided by the gospel and the examples of parish members, newcomers can find their place in the RCIA community of believers and discover their own relationship with Christ. The program runs from September through Pentecost with reception of the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Information is available at the parish office.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Knowing the Catholic faith and tradition is essential if faith and tradition are to continue to be nourishing facets of our lives. Religious formation is valuable for both youth and adults. Classes are conducted from September to May following the 9:00AM Mass on Sunday. Information on religious education programs for youth of all ages and educational opportunities for adults are available at the parish office.

**BULLETIN:** If you have information that you would like to place in the bulletin (community news, society/social news, etc.), please have it at the parish office no later than Tuesday morning.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Forty-five minutes before Saturday evening Mass or by appointment.

**SHUT-INS:** If someone you know is unable to attend Mass but would like to receive Communion or receive a copy of our weekly bulletin, please contact the parish office.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM:** All parents must attend a Baptismal Preparation meeting before this sacrament will be celebrated. Contact Father Pat at the parish office (570-836-3275) to schedule an appointment to discuss your child's baptism.

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** Visits are made on a regular basis. **PLEASE NOTE:** The new privacy laws limit the amount of information that we receive from the hospitals or nursing/convalescent homes. It is necessary that family or friends notify us of these admittances.

**HANDICAPPED SEATING AREA:** Please note that the front pew nearest to the side door is reserved to accommodate those who have need due to disability. Please be kind enough to leave this pew available for that purpose.

**PARKING LOT:** [St. Mary's] Please keep the emergency lane in front of the church clear at all times. It is essential that vehicles are able to get in and out of the parking lot in case of an emergency. Please adhere to the parking spaces as delineated. Please be considerate of your fellow parishioners when you are backing up or turning to park or to exit the parking lot. There is ample parking on the upper level and supplemental parking on the side of the church.

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

**"TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD  
AND ONE ANOTHER  
IN IMITATION OF MARY"**

*Approved by both Parish Pastoral Councils  
January 2007*

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## FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH:

My Brother and Sisters,

I was asking myself a question all week after Governor Wolf announced that Wyoming County would be allowed to move from Red to Yellow this weekend. My question is, what do we do now? We know that Bishop Bambera said that churches could slowly open for Mass once this happened, but we could not allow more than 25 people to celebrate the Mass at one time. This is why I have this sense of unease. How will we work this out without upsetting our parishioners?



I guess we have to leave it all up to God to take care of for us. I wish that I could go back to my normal duties visiting people in the hospital, nursing homes, etc. but that will have to wait. In the meantime, we can still reach out to each other on the phone, which is what I have been trying to do lately. On one of these calls, a member of our parish shared with me that he was feeling lost spiritually and wanted some advice on what to do. I told him I think the reason we feel this way is because we need the Eucharist to give us grace and we need each other; we are all struggling with this. I certainly know that I am!

I try to take in the spiritual thoughts and needs of those I speak with – and this includes my own family. My son and his wife recently brought in 10 baby chicks for the kids to raise as a form of learning compassion and how to care for those unable to care for themselves. My 12-year-old grandson, Alex, made a profound observation while holding one of them in his hands. He told his parents that, to the chicks, we are like their God. They live in a world of our creation. They have nothing to eat or drink, no place to sleep unless we provide it. They are truly helpless and fragile. While he was holding one, it relieved itself on his hands. He likened their soiling on us like people soiling the earth and all that God has provided. He said people soil God with our sins. And, like God, he didn't get angry with the chick. It didn't know any better. It didn't give any thought to the act at all. And he forgave it immediately.

I can't speak to what led him to have such deep thoughts while covered in chicken poop but I am glad that he did. It gives me hope that in something as simple as raising chickens, we can find a meaning and a lesson in how to be better people to each other and in the eyes of God.

May God Bless You,

*Deacon Ray*

## ONLINE OFFERTORY IS NOW AVAILABLE

Nativity BVM and St. Mary of the Lake parishes depend on our faithful stewardship to pay our daily church expenses, make improvements and support our mission in the areas of worship, word, service, and community. Our Online Offertory system through Our Sunday Visitor provides us with the opportunity to contribute regularly and seamlessly.



**A growing number of parishioners have begun to use the online giving portal through our website. We are grateful for your contributions. We encourage all of our parishioners and friends to utilize this quick, easy and safe means of supporting your parish. We intend to keep this donation option available for the foreseeable future.**

To contribute, go to our website, [www.nativitystmary.org](http://www.nativitystmary.org), and click on your parish, either Nativity or St. Mary, at the top of the home page. Then click on the name of your parish under "Donate Securely". We accept most major credit cards as well as ACH donations using your checking or savings account.

For questions on the Online Offertory, please call Dick Schwoebel at 570-677-7634 or email him at [stmaryofthelake@frontier.com](mailto:stmaryofthelake@frontier.com).

**We need – and are grateful for – your continued support.** May our continued stewardship enable us "To Know, Love, and Serve the Lord and One Another, in Imitation of Mary."

**MASS ONLINE:** Until further notice, Fr. Pat is recording a Mass which is broadcast on our website ([nativitystmary.org](http://nativitystmary.org)) and on our Facebook page (@nativitystmary) through a link to a YouTube site. Everyone is encouraged to join in.

**There will be a Mass for the Seventh Sunday of Easter available this weekend. The Mass was filmed at Nativity BVM church.**

We want to express our gratitude to **Dan Simrell of Simrell Media** for the beautiful presentation of the Mass for our viewing. The videography of the Mass significantly enhances the entire presentation.

**CAPUCHIN SISTERS SUPPORT FUND:** If you would like to assist with this need, please put your donation in an envelope marked "**Capuchin Sisters**" and mail it to the Parish Office.

**We are in need of a volunteer to join the group who shop weekly for the Capuchin Sisters.** It requires a couple of hours of your time once every five weeks. If you can help, please contact Dick Schwoebel at 570-677-7634 or [stmaryofthelake@frontier.com](mailto:stmaryofthelake@frontier.com).

"Adoption was such a positive alternative to abortion, a way to save one life and brighten two more: those of the adoptive parents."

– George W. Bush, *Decision Points*



**ANNUAL DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:**



**Due to the present restrictions keeping us from celebrating Mass in church, the Diocese has made an adjustment to the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass.**

The Wedding Anniversary Mass 2020 (June 14, 2020) will be seen on the Diocese of Scranton website and CTV will also be live streaming it. There will be only several people in the Cathedral of St. Peter for the actual Mass.

Couples who signed up to attend the Mass will be receiving an Anniversary packet from the Diocese of Scranton soon with a Mass booklet, enabling them to follow the Mass at home.

**BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER FOR PEGGY FINNEGAN:**

If you would like to send a birthday card to Peggy for her **90<sup>th</sup> Birthday** which is on **this Thursday, May 28, 2020**, please mail your card to:



Peggy Finnegan  
c/o Nativity BVM Parish  
PO Box 186  
Tunkhannock, PA 18657

and we will deliver the cards to her. Peggy has been Nativity's "card lady" for many, many years. It would be nice to treat her with cards. Thank you for your consideration.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:** In accordance with diocesan directives, we are exercising caution at this time and keeping the Parish Office closed to the public. We are still working and are available by phone (570-836-3275 or 570-378-2181) and by email either at [nativitybvmchurch@frontier.com](mailto:nativitybvmchurch@frontier.com) or at [stmaryofthelake@frontier.com](mailto:stmaryofthelake@frontier.com).

**CCD NEWS:** CCD classes for both Nativity BVM & St. Mary of the Lake have been **suspended until further notice**.

**KEEPING IN TOUCH:** During this extended period of time when we are unable to get together as a parish community to worship and to conduct the social interaction that is so much a part of being a parish, it is important that we stay in communication with one another. We will continue to produce our weekly bulletin, which is being shared on both our website ([nativitystmary.org](http://nativitystmary.org)) and Facebook page (@nativitystmary). **We also need to update our list of email addresses**, which sadly is very incomplete. **We're asking all parishioners to send us their email address at this time** (Nativity parishioners – please send to [nativitybvmchurch@frontier.com](mailto:nativitybvmchurch@frontier.com) and St. Mary of the Lake parishioners – please send to [stmaryofthelake@frontier.com](mailto:stmaryofthelake@frontier.com)).

We thank you for providing this information. It will be kept in strict confidence.

**PARISH FINANCES:** There is a great deal of concern among the members of our parish community regarding the mandatory closing of many of our businesses and the resultant uncertainty about earnings during the continuing coronavirus situation. Although some seem to be optimistic that the pandemic will be over shortly, most are aware that we could be under strict guidelines for a much greater period of time. Despite the closure of businesses and increasing unemployment, the financial impact has yet to be fully felt across our area.

**Management of our parish resources is conservative by nature and we will weather this downturn. However, we have no other source of funds than the generosity of our parishioners.** Some people have continued to make their contributions despite the fact that we are unable to come together weekly as was our custom. **We ask that you continue to remember to support your parish as best you can during these difficult times.** Envelopes can be mailed to your parish mail box; the address for your parish is on the front page of the bulletin. Any contribution that you can make will be gratefully received. **Thank you to those who have already sent their contributions.**

<b>SACRIFICIAL OFFERING: May 16-17, 2020</b>	
<b>Nativity BVM Church:</b>	
Weekly Collection Goal*	\$ 4,800.00
Actual Offertory**	\$ 3,149.00
Difference:	<b>\$( 1,651.00)</b>
<b>St. Mary of the Lake Church:</b>	
Weekly Collection Goal*	\$ 2,000.00
Actual Offertory**	\$ 2,585.00
Difference:	<b>\$ 585.00</b>
*Weekly Collection Goal represents the amount needed weekly if we are going to make our 2019-2020 Parish Collections goal (envelopes and loose). It does NOT include Fundraising, Religious Education Income or any other income.	
**Actual Offertory represents the total amount received in the weekly collection (not including Christmas, Easter or special collections).	
The generosity of our people is truly appreciated. We may not always reach our budgeted goals, but we are grateful to those who make a sacrifice on a weekly basis to sustain our parish ministries.	



If you have an Easter Candy order form (available on our website), it can be taken/mailed to the Parish Office (P.O. Box 1, Lake Winola PA 18625). Contact the Parish Office (570-836-3275) regarding pickup of your order or call one of the following committee members:

- Dorothy Trauger ..... (570) 378-2530
- Loretta Kenia ..... (570) 378-2256
- Patti Zaleski ..... (570) 280-6168



**PRO-LIFE ROSE:** Although there are no public Masses being celebrated in Nativity BVM church at the present time, Fr. Albert does say a private Mass each day in accordance with diocesan guidelines. **The rose is still present in front of the statue of Mary during these Masses and the intentions requested are being recognized.**

The intention for this week is:

**to wish Happy Birthday to  
Peggy Finnegan  
who celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this Thursday**  
Donated by the Pro-Life Committee

**If you would like to donate for a Pro-Life Rose at Nativity, please contact Diane Stone (570-836-3055).**

**PIEROGI SALE:** Until further notice, we will not be selling pierogis in Fr. Nallin Hall on Fridays. Pierogis will also not be available at the Parish Office. We thank you for your understanding and we will notify you when they are again available.



**WRITERS NEEDED FOR THE SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE BULLETIN COLUMN:** Saint Mary of the Lake parishioners contribute one reflection per month to the bulletin column "From Saint Mary's Parish Community". We are in need of contributors for upcoming months. Can you help out? Here are some possible ideas you might develop: a personal anecdote about your faith life; a description of your experience in a parish ministry; a reflection on one of the readings for the week; a reflection relating the wonder of God's creation to nature; a description of how you get closer to God; a personal reflection on one of the sacraments; a description of your devotion to one of the Saints; other ideas that are personally meaningful to you. The act of writing your reflection can be personally fulfilling in and of itself! Please give this some prayerful consideration! Call Bill Waters at 570-378-2367 to get on the schedule!

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE:** The sanctuary candle continues to burn each and every day in our churches. If you would like it to burn for your intention, please contact Mary Lou at the Parish Office (570-836-3275).



**THE LOWER WYOMING COUNTY FOOD PANTRY:** The Food Pantry will be **open on the first and third Thursday from 9:00-11:30AM** and the **first and third Monday evening from 6:00-8:00PM**. Please call me if there is anyone in need. We are doing a drive through system for minimal contact. If the need arises, the Food Pantry is equipped to help feed 100 people for approximately 6 weeks. God bless!  
**Mary Lou Franko (570-586-4811)**

**REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR:** It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations.

In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis). To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska, at 570-862-7551.

**CEMETERY LOTS AVAILABLE: Pieta Cemetery,** one of our Parish Cemeteries (located on Dark Hollow Road in Tunkhannock Township) **has burial lots available.** For further info, to view the map of available lots and to inquire about prices & regulations, please contact our Parish Secretary, Mary Lou, at the Parish Office (570-836-3275).

**NATIVITY IS STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WRITERS:** Thanks to all who are participating in writing for our church bulletin. Your stories are inspiring and it's good for us to learn more about each other through this column.

Our schedule is filled through May, but the months go by quickly. **We still need writers for June through December** to fill our 2020 calendar. You can text Rita Fitzgerald @ 570-877-2695 or email her @ [atir10@hotmail.com](mailto:atir10@hotmail.com). We hope you will share your faith story.

**WORDS OF LIFE:** "Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched 'the Word of life' (1 Jn 1:1) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!"

**Pope Francis, 2020 Easter Vigil Homily**  
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**ST. MARY'S AED IS LOCATED IN THE FOYER  
BETWEEN THE CHURCH & HALL**

**ST. MARY-THON 2020:** Pandemic got you down? We've gone virtual for 2020! Let's pound the pavement (or treadmill) to support the 2020 St. Mary-Thon (**June 6<sup>th</sup>**). It's easy! Just follow these simple steps. **The first 100 racers to complete their registrations will receive an official 2020 St. Mary-Thon T-Shirt!**

1. Between now and June 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:59PM, run, jog, or walk 4 miles.
2. Submit your information and time on the digital form found on our race page at [stmarython@weebly.com](mailto:stmarython@weebly.com).
3. Proceed to the Shop to complete your registration. The cost is \$20.00.

Race t-shirts will be mailed out to the first 100 registrants as soon as production resumes.



Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen, 54 Warren Street in Tunkhannock (formerly the P&G Credit Union building), is still serving a

hearty meal every Monday through Friday from 5:00-7:00PM. For the time being, it is take out only. There is no charge and all are welcome.

Those who desire to volunteer to work at the kitchen or to donate food or make a financial contribution are asked to contact 570-996-5005 or 570-836-3145.



### **BOY SCOUT NEWS**

**Next Committee Meeting:  
TBA – 6:30PM**

Upstairs Classroom @ Father Nallin Hall  
Alison Delano, Committee Chairperson  
570-233-4000 adelano1230@gmail.com

### **CUB SCOUT NEWS**

#### **ADULT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Fr. Nallin Hall  
TBA



**MILITARY HONOR ROLL**  
**PLEASE KEEP ALL MEMBERS OF THE  
MILITARY IN YOUR PRAYERS  
DURING THIS TIME OF UNCERTAINTY**

**If you have a relative or friend serving in the military, please let us know so that we can include their name on our Honor Roll**

**Line Dancing  
Wednesday evening 7:00-8:30PM  
Fr. Nallin Hall  
Cancelled until further notice**



### **Your Gift Matters**

#### **Make a Lasting Impact With a Future Gift**

Generosity comes in many forms, and consideration of a planned gift is often the best way for you to support important causes that matter the most to you in your life. When you give to the Diocese of Scranton, you help us make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Your estate gift can support your parish** or any of our Diocesan ministries such as Catholic Social Services, seminarian education, tuition assistance for Catholic School students, parish life and care for our retired clergy.

Visit [dioceseofscranton.org](http://dioceseofscranton.org) for the different gift options available to you.

We will work with you to find a charitable plan that lets you provide for your family and support the Diocese of Scranton. If you wish to discuss your estate plan, kindly contact Jim Bebla, Diocesan Secretary for Development, at [Jim-Bebla@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Jim-Bebla@dioceseofscranton.org) or 570-207-2250.

**RETROUVAILLE:** Stress in your marriage? Do you feel alone? Are you bored, disillusioned, frustrated or angry in your relationship? Do you experience coldness or conflict in your relationship?

Retrouvaille is a program that helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriages. If you are thinking about, or already are, separated or divorced, there could still be hope for you.

For confidential information about the program, please call 631-338-5413 or 570-207-2213, or visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org).

**ALTAR & ROSARY MEETINGS:** Until we have a much clearer definition of how to conduct meetings in accordance with health & safety guidelines, both of our Altar & Rosary societies have suspended their monthly meetings. Watch the bulletin for more information in the coming months.

**PAROCHIAL PRIDE:** We are proud to acknowledge three of our Nativity parishioners – **Sophie Burke & Thomas Elias** of Tunkhannock Area High School and **Tori Kovalchick** of Holy Cross High School – who have been recognized by the Scranton Times as **Scholastic Superstars of Northeast Pennsylvania**. Of the approximately 4,500 students who will graduate from high schools in Northeast Pennsylvania, only 25 become Scholastic Superstars.

Joining them on this prestigious list is Hanalee Nichols, giving Tunkhannock Area High School three of the twenty-five honorees. The only other school with three representatives on the list is Abington Heights. These students are recognized not only for their achievements in the classroom but also for their impact on their school and community.

**Congratulations Thomas, Sophie and Tori.** Your parish community is proud of you!

## MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY, MAY 25<sup>th</sup>



First established as Decoration Day after the Civil War, the holiday was set aside for families and friends to visit and decorate the graves of troops lost in the conflict. As time went on, the observance instead became known as "Memorial Day," until 1971, when Congress declared it an official

holiday set to fall annually on the last Monday in May.

### Memorial Day vs. Veterans Day

Service members, veterans and their families know there is a big difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day. While Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, is a day set aside to celebrate all veterans, Memorial Day is a somber holiday dedicated to honor military fallen, with a special focus on those killed during military service or through enemy contact.

Both holidays often include parades, ceremonies and celebrations. But although Memorial Day also traditionally marks the beginning of summer with picnics and parties, many in the military community believe that at least a portion of it should be spent to mourn and honor the fallen.

A few years ago, there was a viral Facebook post about a woman getting a haircut before Memorial Day weekend. She had lost her husband in a Navy helicopter crash months prior. He died on deployment, never having met their youngest son. So, when the smiling receptionist wished her a "Happy Memorial Day" after she had buried her spouse, the words cut extra deep.

Before you tag every veteran and service member on Facebook and wish them a Happy Memorial Day, remember that, in this community, Memorial Day means something much, much bigger than the start of summer. The day feels fraught with memories of those we've lost, mixed with gratitude for the times we've had.

While it is true that every day is Memorial Day for the families of the fallen, they aren't asking that you stay inside and wallow. But we do owe it to them to pause. Reflect. Remember. Honor.

Gold Star wife Krista Simpson Anderson, who lost her husband, Army Staff Sgt. Michael Harrison Simpson, in Afghanistan in 2013, said, "I get upset when people scold others for enjoying the weekend or having BBQs. What do you think our service members did before they died? Mike sure did enjoy his family and friends. What better way to honor them than to be surrounded by family and friends *living*. But we are

also so grateful for your pause and reflection as you celebrate our heroes and the lives that they lived." Memorial Day and Veterans Day are different holidays with unique purposes -- and unique ways to honor each.

### How to Honor Memorial Day

Memorial Day is about remembering and honoring every single man and woman who has died for our freedoms -- men and women who were mommies and daddies, sons and daughters, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, patriots, incredible Americans and really, really great friends.

You want to honor and celebrate patriotism and the military this Memorial Day? Then you have to honor the complicated feelings surrounding it. Express your knowledge that this day is about remembrance.

Attend a memorial service at a national cemetery. Run or walk a mile to benefit the non-profit Krista Anderson started in memory of her husband, and then pledge your mile for wear blue: run to remember.

Talk to your kids about sacrifice, about service and about what this three-day weekend really means. Observe the **National Moment of Remembrance at 3:00PM Monday** with a minute of silence.

And then, like Krista said, **live**.

Military.com | By T. T. Robinson



### In Flanders Fields by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae was born on November 30, 1872. A Canadian doctor and teacher who served in World War I, he is best known for his memorial poem "In Flanders Fields."  
He died on January 28, 1918.

**SCAM ALERT:** Pennsylvanians should take steps to protect themselves from phishing scams that are **targeting people who are expecting a stimulus payment from the federal government** following the outbreak of COVID-19, the Department of Revenue and Department of Banking and Securities announced today.

"As we all work together to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, this unprecedented situation has created new opportunities for criminals to target Pennsylvanians, including those who are vulnerable or struggling," Revenue Secretary Dan Hassell said. "We want to remind everyone that they should not provide their direct deposit or other banking information to anyone who contacts them on the phone, through email or text messages, or on social media."

The stimulus payments, otherwise known as economic impact payments, are being distributed by the federal government as part of the federal economic stimulus legislation that was signed into law in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the IRS, in most cases the payments will be directly deposited into the bank accounts that taxpayers previously listed on their federal tax returns.

However, **the IRS has reported seeing a surge of scam artists perpetrating phishing schemes where they pose as government officials to trick people into turning over their banking information.** Doing so may allow a criminal to steal your identity, file a fraudulent tax return in your name or use your personal data for other illicit purposes.

"If you have received an unsolicited email or phone call asking for your personal or financial information, **the safest response is to delete the email or hang up the phone,**" advised Acting Secretary of Banking and Securities Richard Vague. "Consumers must remain vigilant about protecting their finances, especially if they are being pressured to act quickly."

#### **How to Recognize the Scam**

According to the IRS, some of the electronic messages associated with these phishing scams say, "In order to receive your stimulus check via direct deposit, you will need to confirm your banking information." These messages are targeting not only individual citizens, but also tax professionals.

Pennsylvanians are encouraged to remember several warning signs from the IRS, which says scammers may:

- Emphasize the words "Stimulus Check" or "Stimulus Payment." The official term is economic impact payment.
- Ask the taxpayer to sign over their economic impact payment check to them.
- Ask by phone, email, text or social media for verification of personal and/or banking information saying that the information is needed to receive or speed up their economic impact payment.

- Suggest that they can get a tax refund or economic impact payment faster by working on the taxpayer's behalf. This scam could be conducted by social media or even in person.
- Mail the taxpayer a bogus check, perhaps in an odd amount, then tell the taxpayer to call a number or verify information online in order to cash it.

#### **Tax Benefits of the CARES Act**

The new CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act is designed to help you, businesses and nonprofits facing economic hardship during the coronavirus pandemic.

Here are a few key provisions of the CARES Act that may affect you and your charitable goals:

#### **Required Minimum Distributions Suspended**

The new law temporarily suspends the requirements for required minimum distributions (RMD) for the 2020 tax year. This probably comes as a relief to many of you who would have had to withdraw from your retirement accounts. Many of our donors use their RMD to make a gift from their IRA. Despite the RMD suspension, remember that if you are 70½ or older, you can still make a gift from your IRA or name your parish or the Diocese of Scranton as a beneficiary.

#### **New Tax Incentives**

The CARES Act expands charitable giving incentives and **allows taxpayers who take the standard deduction to make up to \$300 of charitable contributions to qualified charities this year.** You might think that this is a small amount and would not make a difference. But what if all of our donors gave "just" \$300? Such support would have a huge impact on those we serve.

**For those who do itemize their deductions, the new law allows for cash contributions to qualified charities such as your parish or the Diocese of Scranton to be deducted up to 100% of your adjusted gross income for the 2020 calendar year.**

**"To laugh often and much;**

**To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;**

**To earn the appreciation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of false friends;**

**To appreciate beauty;**

**To find the best in others;**

**To leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;**

**To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.**

**This is to have succeeded. "**

**~ Ralph Waldo Emerson**



**LOCAL CATHOLIC RADIO STATION  
JMJ RADIO 750AM or 98.9FM**

**ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MASS SCHEDULE - WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020**

SATURDAY	MAY	23	4:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	MAY	24	9:00AM	NO MASS
MONDAY	MAY	25	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	MAY	26	8:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	MAY	27	8:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	MAY	28	8:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	MAY	29	8:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	MAY	30	4:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	MAY	31	9:00AM	NO MASS

**LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE**

<b>SAT MAY 23 &amp; SUN. MAY 24</b>	<b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>
DEACON		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		
LECTORS	NO MASS	NO MASS
ALTAR SERVER(S)		
USHERS		
GREETERS		
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		
<b>SAT. MAY 30 &amp; SUN. MAY 31</b>	<b>SATURDAY 4:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>
DEACON		
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)		
LECTORS	NO MASS	NO MASS
ALTAR SERVER(S)		
USHERS		
GREETERS		
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS		

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole who healed those who believed. Amen.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND HOSPITALIZED, ESPECIALLY: LORI PIERCE, LISA FREITAS, TRACY IRISH, CHRISTINA REEVES, JACKI NIERATKO, CARMEN PIERCE, ELAINE HUG, CHASE RUSSELLO, AVA MASON, LYNN McGLYNN, BONNIE KILGANNON, RUSTY PERKINS, JULIA KAIFER, MICHELLE HUERBIN, JENNIFER BUNNELL, JOSEPH PIERCE, THELMA SHEBBY, EDD KILGANNON, AUDREY DAVIS, SHIRLEY ROCHA, DOT JOHNSON, JAMES DOUGHERTY, STACIE MAGNECZ, TAMMY MIGLIORI, CAROLLYN DAVIS, LINDA ZALEWSKI, MELISSA HENNING HILL, MICHAEL BOGDON, JANET EVANS, ZACHARY WILLIAMS, PAT STEAD, BILL STEAD, RON GORKO, KATIE PACKER, PETER POLINSKY, DAVID TRESSLER, SR., ANN SMITH, DELORES HEAGY, FRAN MOLLUSKY, PEARL PIERCE, BERNICE BURANICH, MARY PETERSEN, SUE MIGLIORI, JOE SCHIAVONE, LINDA NIEMIEC, CAROLE GREENIP, JANE CAWLEY, FLORENCE KEYES, JEROME LAMONICA, JEAN LAMONICA, THEO FREAR, BROGAN PERFILIO, DICK & FLORENCE KELLY, MIKE HAMBURG, HARRIET McGARRIGLE, JONI JAMES, KAY NOREIKA. NATHAN REEVES, JOHN IRISH.

--- THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED AND THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH AND PARISHIONERS

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE (378-2181) IF ANYONE IS HOSPITALIZED OR ILL OR IN NEED OF PRAYERS.**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT:**

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN DURING  
THE WEEK OF MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FOR  
**MARYANN KASZUBA**  
OFFERED BY HER HUSBAND GEORGE

**YOUR CONTRIBUTION:**

Weekend Offering                      \$ 2,585.00

**ST. MARY OF THE LAKE CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)**

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## NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MASS SCHEDULE – WEEK OF MAY 24, 2020

SATURDAY	MAY	23	5:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	MAY	24	7:30AM	NO MASS
			9:00AM	NO MASS
			11:00AM	NO MASS
MONDAY	MAY	25	7:00AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	MAY	26	7:00AM	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	MAY	27	7:00AM	NO MASS
THURSDAY	MAY	28	7:00AM	NO MASS
FRIDAY	MAY	29	7:00AM	NO MASS
SATURDAY	MAY	30	5:00PM	NO MASS
SUNDAY	MAY	31	7:30AM	NO MASS
			9:00AM	NO MASS
			11:00AM	NO MASS

### LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

<b>SAT. MAY 23 &amp; SUN. MAY 24</b>	<b>SATURDAY 5:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 7:30AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11:00AM</b>
DEACON				
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)				
LECTOR	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS
ALTAR SERVER(S)				
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS				
<b>SAT. MAY 30 &amp; SUN. MAY 31</b>	<b>SATURDAY 5:00PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 7:30AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00AM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 11:00AM</b>
DEACON				
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER(S)				
LECTOR	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS	NO MASS
ALTAR SERVER(S)				
OFFERTORY GIFTS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS	SELECTION BY USHERS
COLLECTION COUNTERS				

#### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

----- **THE SICK, THE SUFFERING AND HOSPITALIZED**, ESPECIALLY: CAROLYN MYERS, ELISSA ROSE, LYLE STURDEVANT, MARYN KUKUCHKA, LILLIAN KRISTUNAS, JENNIFER BUNNELL, MARIE STAIR, MARY ANN BROWN, ELIZABETH CALLAHAN, RICHELE MORTIMER, SHERI RAIL, CHERYL MacDONALD SWEET, AIDAN HOLMAN, TRISTAN EVANS, JOSEPH E. QUINN, ANGELIQUE ALEXANDRA PREVOST, MARGE HOLUB, BEN BROWN, ELEANOR FOSTER, MATTHEW LEWIS, DONALD TRAVER, DAWN DOMMES, MICHELLE HUERBIN, CAROLYN ROZANSKI, DON WHITE, DARRIN McGAVIN, FATHER BILL WILSON, EDWARD KIMBEL, CHERYL SANDS, MARY DELMAR, CHARLES CAREY, GARRET CONOVER, ANALISA DOMINIC, LUCAS SETH BOYANOWSKI, VERNA PRAWDZIK, MATTHEW FORTESI, JACOB WALTER, CURTIS, ARTHUR BUNNELL, TED BUNNELL, HELEN TALARICO, PAUL GOODRICH, MYRON LaBAR, TIKI LYONS, GRACE STURDEVANT, CAROL COBB, BRENT RANSOM, AUSTIN THOMAS, JIM BORDEN, JERRY STROKA, LINDA NIEMIEC, DIANE THOMPSON, ROSEANN GEORGE, SHELLIE SEYMORE, MARILYN BRODY, MONTANA COLE, CAROL GAYLORD, CHRIS OLSHAN, JR., HELEN RAIL, CHARLOTTE SMITH, LINDA RUEHLMAN, ROY PREVOST, ALLEN KEYES, CATHERINE LITWIN, JUDI HOWE, LEAH WILSEY, ANN ZACKARIAS, NATHAN DELMAR, LINDA, KATHLEEN ALTEMUS, CARL ALTEMUS, MARY LOUISE BECKETT, PAULA MOELLER, GEORGE ZALEDONIS, PAT STASCavage, JOHN RUEHLMAN JR, PEGGY FINNEGAN, JOAN STEPHENS, PEG BALL, JOSEPH YAKOSKI, PENNY ZONNEVILLE, ALLAN FITCH, ALICE WALSH, BOB & BETTY FORBA, JONATHAN STEFANICK, CAMILLE STEFANICK BERROCAL, EMMA BRODA, MARI CLAIRE JONES, CARMEN BOLIN, RICHARD MORYKON, AVA MASON, FLO TROWBRIDGE, TIA DERMCHACK, CURTIS EDWARDS, DOROTHY STODDARD, SEAN COLLETT, MARY LOU ANDES.

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#### SANCTUARY LIGHT:

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE WILL BURN DURING  
THE WEEK OF MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FOR .  
**JOSEPHINE MORYKON**  
OFFERED BY HER CHILDREN

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTION:

Weekend Offering	\$3,149.00
Easter Offering	\$ 100.00

## NATIVITY BVM CALENDAR (TENTATIVE)